

# **Exhibit D**



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## THE FIRM'S PRACTICE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Milberg LLP, founded in 1965, was one of the first law firms to prosecute class actions in federal courts on behalf of investors and consumers. The Firm pioneered this type of litigation and is widely recognized as a leader in defending the rights of victims of corporate and other large-scale wrongdoing. The Firm's practice focuses on the prosecution of class and complex actions in many fields of commercial litigation, including securities, corporate fiduciary, ERISA, consumer, insurance, antitrust, bankruptcy, mass tort, human rights, and related areas of litigation. The Firm has offices in New York City, Los Angeles, Tampa, and Detroit.

In the Firm's early years, its founding partners built a new area of legal practice in representing shareholders' interests under the then recently amended Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, which allowed securities fraud cases, among others, to proceed as class actions. In the following decades, the Firm obtained decisions that established important legal precedents in many of its areas of practice and prosecuted cases that set benchmarks in terms of case theories, organization, discovery, trial results, methods of settlement, and amounts recovered and distributed to clients and class members.

Important milestones in the Firm's early years include the Firm's involvement in the *U.S. Financial* litigation in the early 1970s, one of the earliest large class actions, which resulted in a \$50 million recovery for purchasers of the securities of a failed real estate development company; the Ninth Circuit decision in *Blackie v. Barrack* in 1975, which established the fraud-on-the-market doctrine for securities fraud actions; the Firm's co-lead counsel position in the *In re Washington Public Power Supply System ("WPPSS") Securities Litigation*, a seminal securities fraud action in the 1980s in terms of complexity and amounts recovered; the representation of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in a year-long trial to recover banking losses from a major accounting firm, leading to a precedent-setting global settlement; attacking the Drexel-Milken "daisy chain" of illicit junk-bond financing arrangements with numerous cases that resulted in substantial recoveries for investors; representing life insurance policyholders defrauded by "vanishing premium" and other improper sales tactics and obtaining large recoveries from industry participants; and ground-breaking roles in the multi-front attack on deception and other improper activities in the tobacco industry.

Milberg remains at the forefront in its areas of practice. Significant litigation results include: *Tyco International Ltd. Securities Litigation* (\$3.2 billion settlement); *Nortel Networks Litigation* (settlement for cash and stock valued at \$1.142 billion); *Lucent Technologies Securities Litigation* (\$600 million recovery); *Raytheon Co. Securities Litigation* (\$460 million recovery); *Managed Care Litigation* (recoveries over \$1 billion and major changes in HMO practices); the *WPPSS Litigation* (settlements totaling \$775 million), and *NASDAQ Market Makers Antitrust Litigation* (\$1 billion recoveries). Milberg has been responsible for recoveries valued at approximately \$50 billion during the life of the Firm.

The Firm is consistently active in *pro bono* litigation, highlighted by its leadership role in the Swiss Bank Litigation, which led to the recovery of \$1.25 billion from Swiss banks to benefit victims of the Holocaust and the Firm's efforts representing claimants of the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund.

The Firm's lawyers come from many different professional backgrounds. They include former judges, professors, prosecutors, private defense attorneys, and government lawyers. The Firm's ability to pursue claims against defendants is augmented by its team of investigators, headed by a 27-year veteran of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a full-time staff of forensic accountants and financial analysts, and an in-house litigation support department with data hosting capabilities, staffed by electronic discovery specialists.

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## JUDICIAL COMMENDATIONS

Milberg has been commended by countless judges throughout the country for the quality of its representation. In approving a \$3.2 billion securities fraud settlement, one of the largest in history, in *In re Tyco International, Ltd. Securities Litigation*, No. 02-1335 (D.N.H. Dec. 19, 2007), Judge Barbadoro lauded Milberg's efforts as co-lead counsel:

This was an extraordinarily complex and hard-fought case. Co-Lead Counsel put massive resources and effort into the case for five long years, accumulating [millions of dollars in expenses] and expending [hundreds of thousands of hours] on a wholly contingent basis. But for Co-Lead Counsel's enormous expenditure of time, money, and effort, they would not have been able to negotiate an end result so favorable for the class. . . . Lead Counsel's continued, dogged effort over the past five years is a major reason for the magnitude of the recovery . . . .

In *Simon v. KPMG LLP*, No. 05-3189, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 35943, at \*18, 30-31 (D.N.J. June 2, 2006), a case in which Milberg served as class counsel, Judge Cavanaugh, in approving the \$153 million settlement, found that "Plaintiffs . . . retained highly competent and qualified attorneys" and that "[t]he Initial Complaint . . . demonstrates that [Milberg] expended considerable time and effort with the underlying factual and legal issues in this case before even filing this lawsuit. . . . Settlement discussions were conducted over a period of some fourteen months with the supervision and guidance of Judges Politan and Weinstein, and are evidence of [Milberg's] appreciation of the merits and complexity of this litigation."

In *In re Lucent Technologies, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 00-621, slip op. at 14-15, 26 (D.N.J. Feb. 24, 2004), Judge Pisano issued an opinion approving the \$600 million settlement and complimenting Milberg's work as co-lead counsel for the class as follows:

[T]he attorneys representing the Plaintiffs are highly experienced in securities class action litigation and have successfully prosecuted numerous class actions throughout the United States. They are more than competent to conduct this action. Co-Lead Counsel diligently and aggressively represented the Plaintiffs before this Court and in the negotiations that resulted in the Settlement. . . . [T]he efforts and ingenuity of Lead Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel resulted in an extremely valuable Settlement for the Benefit of the Class.

In *In re Rite Aid Corp. Securities Litigation*, 269 F. Supp. 2d 603, 611 (E.D. Pa. 2003), Judge Dalzell commented on the skill and efficiency of the Milberg attorneys litigating this complex case:

At the risk of belaboring the obvious, we pause to say a specific word about . . . the skill and efficiency of the attorneys involved. [Milberg was] extraordinarily deft and efficient in handling this most complex matter. [T]hey were at least eighteen months ahead of the United States Department of Justice in ferreting out the conduct that ultimately resulted in the write-down of over \$1.6 billion in previously reported Rite Aid earnings. . . . In short, it would be hard to equal the skill class counsel demonstrated here.

In *In re IKON Office Solutions, Inc. Securities Litigation*, 194 F.R.D. 166, 195 (E.D. Pa. 2000), Judge Katz commented on Milberg's skill and professionalism as one of plaintiffs' co-lead counsel:

First, class counsel is of high caliber and has extensive experience in similar class action litigation. . . . Each of the co-lead counsel firms has a national reputation for advocacy in securities class actions, and there is no doubt that this standing enhanced their ability both to prosecute the case effectively and to negotiate credibly. Similarly, defense counsel has a fine reputation and has displayed great skill in defending this complex class action. Their opposition



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to plaintiffs has been anything but token, and many of the battles on crucial issues were hard fought.

Of particular note in assessing the quality of representation is the professionalism with which all parties comported themselves. The submissions were of consistently high quality, and class counsel has been notably diligent in preparing filings in a timely manner even when under tight deadlines. This professionalism was also displayed in class counsel's willingness to cooperate with other counsel when appropriate. . . . This cooperation enabled the parties to focus their disputes on the issues that mattered most and to avoid pointless bickering over more minor matters.

In *In re NASDAQ Market-Makers Antitrust Litigation*, 187 F.R.D. 465, 474 (S.D.N.Y. 1998), in an opinion approving settlements totaling over \$1.027 billion, Judge Sweet commented:

Counsel for the Plaintiffs are preeminent in the field of class action litigation, and the roster of counsel for Defendants includes some of the largest, most successful and well regarded law firms in the country. It is difficult to conceive of better representation than the parties to this action achieved.

Judicial recognition of Milberg's excellence is not limited to courts within the United States. In *In re Flag Telecom Holdings, Ltd. Securities Litigation*, No. 02-3400 (S.D.N.Y. 2009), Milberg litigated a discovery dispute before the English Royal High Court of Justice, Queens Bench Division, which recognized the Milberg attorney handling the matter as a "Grade A" lawyer, one of the highest pay grades in the United Kingdom, and a "vital cog in the machine." Likewise, in *Sharma v. Timminco Ltd.*, 09-378701 (Can. Ont. Sup. Ct. 2009), Canada's Ontario Superior Court of Justice recognized Milberg's "fine reputation and excellent credentials" in connection with Milberg's representation in a securities case pending in Canada.

## NOTEWORTHY RESULTS

The quality of Milberg's representation is further evidenced by the numerous significant recoveries Milberg has obtained for its clients and class members. Some of the cases in which Milberg has obtained significant results are discussed below.

- *In re Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation*, No. 21-92 (S.D.N.Y.). Milberg represented investors in 310 consolidated securities actions arising from an alleged market manipulation scheme. Plaintiffs alleged, among other things, that approximately 55 defendant investment banks, in dealing with certain of their clients, conditioned certain allocations of shares in initial public offerings on the subsequent purchase of more shares in the aftermarket, thus artificially boosting the prices of the subject securities. This fraudulent scheme, plaintiffs alleged, was a major contributing factor in the now infamous technology "bubble" of the late 1990s and early 2000s. As a member of the court-appointed

Plaintiffs' Executive Committee, and with certain partners appointed by the court as liaison counsel, Milberg oversaw the efforts of approximately 60 plaintiffs' firms in combating some of the most well-respected defense firms in the nation. In granting final approval to a \$586 million settlement on October 6, 2009, the court described the law firms comprising the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee as the "cream of the crop."

- *Carlson v. Xerox*, No. 00- 1621 (D. Conn.). Milberg served as co-lead counsel in this lawsuit, which consolidated 21 related cases alleging violations of the federal securities laws. Plaintiffs alleged that Xerox and several of its top officers reported false financial results



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during the class period and failed to adhere to the standard accounting practices the company claimed to have followed. Specifically, the complaint alleged that Xerox: (a) improperly recognized revenues from its leasing operations by booking up front those lease payments attributable to future supplies and services; (b) boosted short-term results by overstating the value of future payments from leases that originated in developing countries; and (c) failed to write off mounting bad debts and improperly classified transactions in its Mexico operations. In the course of litigating plaintiffs' claims, Milberg engaged in arduous and exhaustive factual discovery, including analysis of more than four million pages of complex accounting and auditing documents and review of thousands of pages of SEC deposition transcripts. Plaintiffs' claims survived three motions to dismiss and a motion for summary judgment, ultimately resulting in a \$750 million settlement, which received final approval on January 14, 2009.

- ***In re Tyco International Ltd., Securities Litigation***, MDL Docket No. 02-1335 (D.N.H.). Milberg served as co-lead counsel in this litigation, which involved claims under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 against Tyco and its former CEO, CFO, general counsel, and certain former directors that arose out of Tyco's \$5.8 billion overstatement of income and \$900 million in insider trading, plus hundreds of millions of dollars looted by insiders motivated to commit the fraud. Claims were also made under the 1933 and 1934 Acts against PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, for allegedly publishing false audit opinions on Tyco's financial statements during the class period and failing to audit Tyco properly, despite knowledge of the fraud. On December 19, 2007, the court approved a \$3.2 billion settlement of the plaintiffs' claims and praised the work of co-lead counsel.
- ***In re Sears, Roebuck and Co. Securities Litigation***, No. 02-7527 (N.D. Ill.). This case involved allegations that Sears concealed material adverse information concerning the financial condition, performance, and prospects of Sears' credit card operations. The approved

settlement provided \$215 million to compensate class members.

- ***In re General Electric Company ERISA Litigation***, No. 04-1398 (N.D.N.Y.). This ERISA class action was brought on behalf of current and former participants and beneficiaries of the General Electric ("G.E.") 401(k) Plan. Milberg, serving as co-lead counsel, achieved a \$40 million settlement on behalf of current and former G.E. employees who claimed that the company's 401(k) Plan fiduciaries imprudently invested more than two-thirds of the Plan's assets in company stock. The settlement included important structural changes to G.E.'s 401(k) plan valued at more than \$100 million.
- ***In re Biovail Corp. Securities Litigation***, No. 03-8917 (S.D.N.Y.). Milberg, representing Local 282 Welfare Trust Fund and serving as co-lead counsel, litigated this complex securities class action brought on behalf of a class of defrauded investors, alleging that defendants made a series of materially false and misleading statements concerning Canadian company Biovail's publicly reported financial results and the Company's then new hypertension/blood pressure drug, Cardizem LA. This was a highly complex case in which counsel took numerous depositions across the U.S. and Canada and obtained documents from defendants and several third-parties, including, among others, UBS, McKinsey & Co., and Merrill Lynch. Milberg obtained a \$138 million settlement for the class, and Biovail agreed to institute significant corporate governance changes.
- ***In re Nortel Networks Corp. Securities Litigation***, No. 01-1855 (S.D.N.Y.). In this federal securities fraud class action Milberg served as lead counsel for the class and the court-appointed lead plaintiff, the Trustees of the Ontario Public Service Employees' Union Pension Plan Trust Fund. In certifying the class, the court specifically rejected defendants' argument that those who traded in Nortel securities on the Toronto Stock Exchange (and not the New York Stock Exchange) should be excluded from the class. The Second Circuit denied defendants' attempted appeal. On January 29, 2007, the court approved a settlement valued at \$1.142 billion.



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- ***In re American Express Financial Advisors Securities Litigation***, No. 04-1773 (S.D.N.Y.). This case involved allegations that American Express Financial Advisors violated securities laws by representing to class members that the company would provide tailored financial advice, when the company actually provided “canned” financial plans and advice designed to steer clients into American Express and certain nonproprietary mutual funds. The case settled for \$100 million, with the settlement agreement requiring that the company institute remedial measures.
- ***In re Lucent Technologies, Inc. Securities Litigation***, No. 00-621 (D.N.J.). In this federal securities fraud action in which Milberg served as co-lead counsel, plaintiffs alleged, *inter alia*, that Lucent and its senior officers misrepresented the demand for Lucent’s optical networking products and improperly recognized hundreds of millions of dollars in revenues. The settlement provided compensation of \$600 million to aggrieved shareholders who purchased Lucent stock between October 1999 and December 2000.
- ***In re Raytheon Securities Litigation***, No. 99-12142 (D. Mass.). This case, in which Milberg served as lead counsel, concerned claims that a major defense contractor failed to write down assets adequately on long term construction contracts. In May 2004, Raytheon and its auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, settled for a total of \$460 million.
- In ***In re Rite Aid Securities Litigation***, No. 99-1349 (E.D. Pa.), in which Milberg served as co-lead counsel, the plaintiffs asserted federal securities fraud claims arising out of allegations that Rite Aid failed to disclose material problems with its store expansion and modernization program, resulting in artificially inflated earnings. Judge Dalzell approved class action settlements totaling \$334 million against Rite Aid (\$207 million), KPMG (\$125 million), and certain former executives of Rite Aid (\$1.6 million).
- In ***In re CMS Energy Corp. Securities Litigation***, No. 02-72004 (E.D. Mich.), a federal securities fraud case arising out of alleged round-trip trading practices by CMS Energy Corporation, Judge Steeh approved a cash settlement of more than \$200 million. Milberg served as co-lead counsel in this litigation.
- ***In re Deutsche Telekom AG Securities Litigation***, No. 00-9475 (S.D.N.Y.). Milberg served as co-lead counsel in this securities class action, alleging that Deutsche Telekom issued a false and misleading registration statement, which improperly failed to disclose its plans to acquire VoiceStream Wireless Corporation and materially overstated the value of the company’s real estate assets. On June 14, 2005, Judge Buchwald approved a \$120 million cash settlement.
- ***In re CVS Corp. Securities Litigation***, No. 01-11464 (D. Mass.). Milberg served as co-lead counsel in this class action alleging that defendants engaged in a series of accounting improprieties and issued false and misleading statements which artificially inflated the price of CVS stock. On September 7, 2005, Judge Tauro approved a \$110 million cash settlement for shareholders who acquired CVS stock between February 6, 2001 and October 30, 2001.
- ***Scheiner v. i2 Technologies, Inc.***, No. 01- 418 (N.D. Tex.). Milberg served as lead counsel in this securities fraud case, filed on behalf of certain purchasers of i2 common stock. The plaintiffs alleged that certain of the company’s senior executives made materially false and misleading statements and omissions in i2’s public statements and other public documents regarding i2’s software, thereby artificially inflating the price of i2’s common stock. In May 2004, Milberg recovered a settlement of \$84.85 million.
- ***In re Royal Dutch/Shell Transport ERISA Litigation***, No. 04-1398 (D.N.J.). This was an ERISA breach of fiduciary duty class action against the Royal Dutch/Shell Oil Group of Companies on behalf of certain of the company’s U.S. employees invested in the company’s stock fund. Notably, the \$90 million settlement included important provisions regarding the monitoring and training of individuals appointed to be ERISA fiduciaries.
- Milberg served as co-lead counsel in ***Irvine v. ImClone Systems, Inc.***, No. 02-0109



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(S.D.N.Y.), in which a \$75 million cash settlement was approved by the court in July 2005. Plaintiffs alleged that ImClone issued a number of misrepresentations and fraudulent statements to the market regarding the likelihood of approval of the drug Erbitux, thereby artificially inflating the price of ImClone stock.

- The Firm was lead counsel in *In re Prudential Insurance Co. Sales Practice Litigation*, No. 95-4704 (D.N.J.), a landmark securities case that resulted in a recovery exceeding \$4 billion for Prudential policyholders. The settlement was approved in a comprehensive Third Circuit decision.
- In *In re NASDAQ Market-Makers Antitrust Litigation*, No. 94-3996 (S.D.N.Y.), Milberg served as co-lead counsel for a class of investors. The class alleged that the NASDAQ market-makers set and maintained wide spreads pursuant to an industry-wide conspiracy in one of the largest and most important antitrust cases in recent history. After more than three years of intense litigation, the case settled for a total of \$1.027 billion, one of the largest antitrust settlements at that time.
- *In re Washington Public Power Supply System Securities Litigation*, MDL 551 (D. Ariz.) was a massive securities fraud litigation in which Milberg served as co-lead counsel for a class that obtained settlements totaling \$775 million, the largest-ever securities fraud settlement at that time, after several months of trial.
- *In re Exxon Valdez*, No. 89-095 (D. Ak.) and *In re Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Litigation*, 3 AN-89-2533 (Ak. Sup. Ct. 3d Jud. Dist.). Milberg is a member of the Plaintiffs' Coordinating Committee and co-chair of Plaintiffs' Law Committee in the massive litigation resulting from the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska in March 1989. Plaintiffs obtained a jury verdict of \$5 billion, which, after years of appeals by Exxon, was reduced to approximately \$500 million by the United States Supreme Court. Recently the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit held that plaintiffs are entitled to post judgment interest on the award in the amount of approximately \$470 million. Exxon

is presently seeking a rehearing in the Ninth Circuit on an issue involving award of costs.

- In *In re Managed Care Litigation*, MDL 1334 (S.D. Fla.). Final approval of a settlement between a nationwide class of physicians and defendant CIGNA Healthcare, valued in excess of \$500 million, was granted on April 22, 2004. A similar settlement valued in excess of \$400 million involving a nationwide class of physicians and Aetna was approved by the court on November 6, 2003. The settlements stem from a series of lawsuits filed in both state and federal courts by physicians and medical associations against many of the nation's largest health insurers arising from allegations that the insurers engaged in a fraudulent scheme to systematically obstruct, reduce, delay, and deny payments and reimbursements to health care providers. These settlements brought sweeping changes to the health care industry and significant improvements to physician-related business practices.
- *In re MicroStrategy, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 00-473 (E.D. Va.). Milberg served as co-lead counsel in this action, which alleged securities fraud based on a massive restatement. Settlements with the defendants totaled in excess of \$150 million.
- *In re Sunbeam Securities Litigation*, No. 98-8258 (S.D. Fla.). Milberg acted as co-lead counsel for the class. Plaintiffs alleged that Sunbeam, its auditor, and its management engaged in a massive accounting fraud which led to a restatement of over three years of previously reported financial results. The court approved a combined settlement of more than \$140 million. The settlement amount included a \$110 million settlement with Arthur Andersen LLP, Sunbeam's auditor. At that time, the Andersen settlement was one of the largest amounts ever paid by a public accounting firm to settle federal securities claims. The settlement with the individuals was achieved on the eve of trial, and ended almost four years of litigation against Andersen and Sunbeam's insiders, including Albert Dunlap, Sunbeam's former Chairman and CEO. The settlement included a personal contribution from Dunlap of \$15 million.



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- ***In re Computer Associates Securities Litigation***, Nos. 98-4839, 02-1226 (E.D.N.Y.). This securities fraud case alleged that the company and certain of its senior executives made materially false and misleading statements regarding, *inter alia*, revenue recognition. Milberg, serving as co-lead counsel, obtained a settlement valued at more than \$134 million.
- In ***In re W.R. Grace & Co. (Official Committee of Asbestos Personal Injury Claimants v. Sealed Air. Corp. and Official Committee of Asbestos Personal Injury Claimants v. Fresenius Medical Care Holdings, Inc.)***, Nos. 02-2210 and 02-2211 (D. Del.), Milberg acted as lead counsel for the asbestos personal injury and property damage committees in two separate fraudulent conveyance actions within the W.R. Grace bankruptcy. The actions sought to return the assets of Sealed Air Corporation and Fresenius Medical Care Holdings (each of which had been Grace subsidiaries pre-bankruptcy) to the W.R. Grace bankruptcy estate. Complaints in both cases were filed in mid-March 2002, and agreements in principle in both cases were reached on November 27, 2002, the last business day before trial was set to begin in the Sealed Air matter. The total of the two settlements, which consisted of both cash and stock, was approximately \$1 billion.
- ***Nelson v. Pacific Life Insurance Co.***, No. 03-131 (S.D. Ga.). Milberg served as lead counsel in this securities fraud class action arising from allegations of deceptive sales of deferred annuity tax shelters to investors for placement in retirement plans that are already tax-qualified. The District Court approved a \$60 million settlement of claims arising from such deception.
- ***In re Triton Energy Limited Securities Litigation***, No. 98-256 (E.D. Tex.). Plaintiffs alleged that defendants misrepresented, among other things, the nature, quality, classification, and quantity of Triton's Southeast Asia oil and gas reserves during the period March 30, 1998 through July 17, 1998. The case settled for \$42 million.
- Milberg served as co-lead counsel in ***In re Thomas & Betts Securities Litigation***, No. 00-2127 (W.D. Tenn.), in which plaintiffs recovered

\$46.5 million dollars in cash from the Company and \$4.65 in cash from its outside auditor, KPMG. Plaintiffs alleged that Thomas & Betts engaged in a series of accounting improprieties while publicly representing that its financial statements were in compliance with GAAP, and failed to disclose known trends and uncertainties regarding its internal control system and computer and information systems.

- In ***In re MTC Electronic Technologies Shareholder Litigation***, No. 93-0876 (E.D.N.Y.). Plaintiffs alleged that defendants issued false and misleading statements concerning, among other things, purported joint venture agreements to establish telecommunications systems and manufacture telecommunications equipment in China. The court approved a settlement of \$70 million, including \$65 million in cash and \$5 million worth of MTC Class A shares with "put" rights.
- In ***In re PaineWebber Limited Partnerships Litigation***, No. 94-8547 (S.D.N.Y.). Milberg represented investors alleging that PaineWebber developed, marketed, and operated numerous investment partnerships as part of an ongoing conspiracy to defraud investors and enrich itself through excessive fees and commissions over a twelve-year period. On March 20, 1997, Judge Sidney Stein approved a \$200 million settlement, consisting of \$125 million in cash and \$75 million worth of guarantees and fee waivers.
- In ***In re Ames Department Stores, Inc.***, MDL 924 (S.D.N.Y.), Milberg represented purchasers of Ames securities in connection with allegations that defendants issued false and misleading statements regarding the success of Ames' integration of a major acquisition and the Company's future financial prospects. The court approved a \$41 million cash settlement.
- In ***Andrews v. AT&T***, No. 91-175 (S.D. Ga.) the Firm represented a class of persons who paid for premium-billed "900-number" calls that involved allegedly deceptive games of chance, starting in 1993. Defendants included major long-distance companies, which approved the call programs and billed for the calls. Defendant MCI settled for \$60 million in benefits. The class against AT&T was



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decertified on appeal and the Firm prosecuted the individual plaintiffs' claims, obtaining a jury verdict in 2003 for compensatory and punitive damages.

Additionally, in the context of shareholder derivative actions, Milberg has been at the forefront of protecting shareholders' investments by effectuating important changes in corporate governance as part of the global settlement of such cases. Cases in which such changes were made include:

- ***In re Trump Hotels Shareholder Derivative Litigation***, No. 96-7820 (S.D.N.Y.). In this case, the plaintiff shareholders asserted various derivative claims on behalf of the company against certain Trump entities and senior Trump executives in connection with the self-serving sale of a failing casino to the company in which the plaintiffs held stock. Milberg negotiated a settlement on behalf of the plaintiffs that required Donald Trump to contribute a substantial portion of his personal interest in a pageant he co-owned. In addition, the settlement required the company to increase the

number of directors on its board, and certain future transactions had to be reviewed by a special committee.

- ***In re Topps Co., Inc. Shareholder Litig.***, No. 600715/2007 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. N.Y. County Apr. 17, 2007). Milberg served as co-lead counsel in this transactional case, which led to a 2007 decision vindicating the rights of shareholders under the rules of comity and the doctrine of *forum non conveniens* to pursue claims in the most relevant forum, notwithstanding the fact that jurisdiction might also exist in the state of incorporation. This case was settled in late 2007 in exchange for a number of valuable disclosures for the class.
- ***In re Marketspan Corporate Shareholder Litigation***, No. 98-15884 (N.Y. Sup. Ct.). The settlement agreement in this derivative case required modifications of corporate governance structure, changes to the audit committee, and changes in compensation awards and to the nominating committee.

## PRECEDENT-SETTING DECISIONS

Milberg has consistently been a leader in developing the federal securities, antitrust, and consumer protection laws for the benefit of investors and consumers. The Firm has represented individual and institutional plaintiffs in hundreds of class action litigations in federal and state courts throughout the country. In most of those cases, Milberg has served as lead or co-lead counsel. The Firm has also been responsible for establishing many important precedents, including the following:

- ***In re Lord Abbett Mutual Funds Fee Litigation***, 553 F.3d 248 (3d Cir. 2009). This important decision set significant precedent regarding the scope of preemption under the Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act of 1998 ("SLUSA"). In reversing the District Court's dismissal of the plaintiffs' claims, the Third Circuit held that "SLUSA does not mandate dismissal of an action in its entirety where the action includes only some pre-empted claims." In so holding, the court explained that

"nothing in the language, legislative history, or relevant case law mandates the dismissal of an entire action that includes both claims that do not offend SLUSA's prohibition on state law securities class actions and claims that do . . . ."

- ***Abdullahi v. Pfizer, Inc.***, 562 F.3d 163, 170 (2d Cir. 2009). This is a case in which the Firm has brought claims under the Alien Tort Statute ("ATS") on behalf of Nigerian children. Plaintiffs allege that the children, who sought treatment for meningitis at a local Nigerian hospital, were secretly enrolled in a clinical trial of the Pfizer drug, Trovan, without their knowledge. Plaintiffs allege that Pfizer's conduct violated the international prohibition on medical experimentation without informed consent. The Second Circuit reversed the District Court's dismissal for lack of jurisdiction, explaining that "[t]he administration of drug trials without informed consent . . . poses threats to national security by



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impairing our relations with other countries" and "the failure to secure consent for human experimentation has the potential to generate substantial anti-American animus and hostility." The court held, based on these and other considerations, that plaintiffs pled facts sufficient to state a cause of action under the ATS for a violation of international law prohibiting medical experimentation on human subjects without their consent.

- ***In re Converse Technology, Inc.***, 866 N.Y.S.2d 10 (App. Div. 1st Dep't 2008). In this derivative case in which Milberg serves as co-lead counsel, plaintiff shareholders sued certain of the company's officers and directors based on allegations of illegal options backdating. The lower court dismissed the plaintiffs claims, holding that the plaintiffs failed to make a pre-suit demand on the company's board, and that in any event, the board had already formed a special committee to investigate the misconduct. In this significant opinion reversing the lower court's dismissal, the Appellate Division clarified the standards of demand futility and held that a board of directors loses the protection of the business judgment rule where there is evidence of the directors' self-dealing and poor judgment. The court noted that the mere creation of a special committee did not justify a stay of the action and did not demonstrate that the board took appropriate steps. Rather, "the picture presented in the complaint is that of a special committee taking a tepid rather than a vigorous approach to the misconduct and the resultant harm. Under such circumstances, the board should not be provided with any special protection."
- ***South Ferry LP #2 v. Killinger***, 542 F.3d 776 (9th Cir. 2008). The important opinion issued by the Ninth Circuit in this securities fraud class action clarified, in the post-*Tellabs* environment, whether a theory of scienter based on the "core operations" inference satisfies the PSLRA's heightened pleading standard. In siding with the plaintiffs, represented by Milberg, the Ninth Circuit held that "[a]llegations that rely on the core operations inference are among the allegations that may be considered in the complete PSLRA analysis." The court explained that under the "holistic"

approach required by *Tellabs*, all allegations must be "read as a whole" in considering whether plaintiffs adequately plead scienter. After remand, the District Court found that the plaintiffs sufficiently alleged scienter under the Ninth Circuit's analysis.

- ***In re Gilead Sciences Securities Litigation***, 536 F.3d 1049 (9th Cir. 2008). In this securities fraud class action in which Milberg represents the plaintiffs, the Ninth Circuit reversed the District Court's dismissal of the complaint in this opinion clarifying loss causation pleading requirements. In ruling that the plaintiffs adequately pled loss causation, the Ninth Circuit held that the plaintiffs' complaint identified a "specific economic loss" following the issuance of a specific press release, along with allegations of misrepresentations that were described in "abundant detail." The opinion established that plaintiffs in a securities fraud action adequately plead loss causation where they provide sufficient detail of their loss causation theory and some assurance that the theory has a basis in fact. Based on this analysis, the dismissal was reversed, and the case was remanded to the District Court for further proceedings.
- ***Tellabs, Inc. v. Makor Issues & Rights, Ltd.***, 551 U.S. 308 (2007), in which Milberg is lead counsel for the class, the United States Supreme Court announced a uniform standard for evaluating the sufficiency of a complaint under the PSLRA. The Court held that on a motion to dismiss, a court "must consider the complaint in its entirety," accepting "all factual allegations in the complaint as true," as well as "tak[ing] into account plausible opposing inferences." On remand, the Seventh Circuit concluded that "the plaintiffs have succeeded, with regard to the statements identified in our previous opinion as having been adequately alleged to be false and material, in pleading scienter in conformity with the requirements of the PSLRA. We therefore adhere to our decision to reverse the judgment of the district court dismissing the suit." The unanimous decision was written by Judge Richard A. Posner.
- ***Asher v. Baxter International, Inc.***, 377 F.3d 727 (7th Cir. 2004). In reversing and remanding the District Court's dismissal, the



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Seventh Circuit resolved in plaintiffs' favor an important issue involving the PSLRA's "safe harbor" for forward-looking statements. The court held that whether a cautionary statement is meaningful is an issue of fact, because whether a statement is meaningful or not depends in part on what the defendant knew when the statement was made as well as other issues of fact. Thus, this issue is not appropriately resolved on a motion to dismiss.

- In *In re Vivendi Universal, S.A. Securities Litigation*, No. 05-5571, 2003 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 19431 (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 3, 2003), the court upheld plaintiffs' claims, under Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, arising from allegations that Vivendi and two of its former executives (CEO Jean-Marie Messier and CFO Guillaume Hannezo) did not disclose to investors that: (1) Vivendi's corporate acquisition programs had brought Vivendi to the brink of a potentially catastrophic liquidity crisis; (2) although it consolidated the financial results of several majority-owned subsidiaries, Vivendi did not have access to the cash flows of these entities; (3) Vivendi failed to write down billions of dollars of impaired goodwill from prior acquisitions; and (4) one of Vivendi's U.S. subsidiaries improperly recognized revenue "up front" on the full value of long term contracts. The case is particularly notable because the court held that defendants' activities in New York promoting Vivendi stock was more than "merely preparatory" to the alleged fraudulent scheme, and thus the court had jurisdiction not only over purchasers of Vivendi ADRs on the NYSE, but also over the claims of foreign purchasers who purchased Vivendi ordinary shares on foreign exchanges. The District Court later certified a class of purchasers from the United States, France, England, and the Netherlands, and denied defendants' motions for summary judgment. The case is currently being tried.
- *Gebhardt v. ConAgra Foods, Inc.*, 335 F.3d 824 (8th Cir. 2003). This important decision strongly reaffirmed the principle that whether an undisclosed fact would have been material to investors cannot ordinarily be decided on a motion to dismiss. The Eighth Circuit, stressing that "[t]he question of materiality hinges on the

particular circumstances of the company in question," observed that even relatively small errors in financial statements might be material if they concern areas of particular importance to investors and raise questions about management integrity.

- In *In re Cabletron Systems, Inc.*, 311 F.3d 11 (1st Cir. 2002). In this opinion, the First Circuit joined the Second Circuit in allowing a complaint to be based on confidential sources. The court also accepted the argument made by plaintiffs, represented by Milberg, that courts should consider the amount of discovery taken place prior to deciding a motion to dismiss, with a lack of discovery resulting in a correspondingly less stringent standard for pleading securities fraud claims with particularity.
- In *Puckett v. Sony Music Entertainment*, No. 108802/98 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. N.Y. Cty. 2002), Milberg achieved a precedent-setting decision in which a class action was certified against Sony Music Entertainment on behalf of a class of recording artists who were parties to standard Sony recording or production agreements entered into during the class period. The complaint alleged that Sony had a policy of treating the value added tax on foreign sales of recordings improperly thereby impermissibly reducing the royalties paid or credited to the class members. Justice DeGrasse of the New York State Supreme Court determined that class certification was appropriate and that Gary Puckett (of Gary Puckett & the Union Gap) and jazz musician and composer Robert Watson were appropriate class representatives to represent the class of artists and producers to whom Sony accounts for foreign record royalties.
- *Novak v. Kasaks*, 216 F.3d 300 (2d Cir. 2000). The Firm was lead counsel in this seminal securities fraud case in which the Second Circuit undertook an extensive analysis of the statutory text and the legislative history of the PSLRA and pre-existing Second Circuit case law. Among other things, the Second Circuit held that the PSLRA's pleading standard for scienter was largely equivalent to the pre-existing Second Circuit standard and vacated the District Court's dismissal which sought to



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impose a higher standard for pleading scienter under the PSLRA. The Second Circuit also rejected any general requirement that plaintiffs' confidential sources must be disclosed to satisfy the PSLRA's newly-enacted particularity requirements.

- ***In re Advanta Corp. Securities Litigation***, 180 F.3d 525 (3d Cir. 1999). Here, the plaintiffs, represented by Milberg, successfully argued that under the PSLRA, scienter is sufficiently pled by making an adequate showing that the defendants acted knowingly or with reckless disregard for the consequences of their actions. The Third Circuit specifically adopted the Second Circuit's scienter pleading standard for pleading fraud under the PSLRA.
- In ***Hunt v. Alliance North American Government Income Trust, Inc.***, 159 F.3d 723 (2d Cir. 1998), the Second Circuit reversed the District Court's ruling, which denied plaintiffs leave to amend to assert a cause of action against defendants for failing to disclose that the defendant Trust was unable to utilize proper "hedging" techniques to insure against risk of loss. In the court's view, taken together and in context, the Trust's representations would have misled a reasonable investor.
- In ***Shaw v. Digital Equip. Corp.***, 82 F.3d 1194 (1st Cir. 1996), the First Circuit remanded plaintiffs' action after affirming, in part, Milberg's position that in association with the filing of a prospectus related to the issuance of securities, a corporate-issuer must disclose intra-quarter, materially adverse changes in its business, if such adverse changes constitute "material changes" the disclosure of which is required pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933.
- In ***In re Salomon, Inc. Shareholders Derivative Litigation***, 68 F.3d 554 (2d Cir. 1995). The Second Circuit affirmed the District Court's holding that derivative federal securities claims against defendants would not be referred to arbitration pursuant to the arbitration provisions of the Rules of the New York Stock Exchange, but would be tried in District Court. Shortly thereafter, the case settled for \$40 million.
- ***Kamen v. Kemper Financial Services***, 500 U.S. 90 (1991). The Supreme Court upheld the right of a stockholder of a mutual fund to bring a

derivative suit without first making a pre-suit demand. Specifically, the Court held that "where a gap in the federal securities laws must be bridged by a rule that bears on the allocation of governing powers within the corporation, federal courts should incorporate state law into federal common law unless the particular state law in question is inconsistent with the policies underlying the federal statute. . . . Because a futility exception to demand does not impede the regulatory objectives of the [Investment Company Act], a court that is entertaining a derivative action under that statute must apply the demand futility exception as it is defined by the law of the State of incorporation."

- ***Mosesian v. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.***, 727 F.2d 873 (9th Cir. 1984), *cert. denied*, 469 U.S. 932 (1984). The Ninth Circuit upheld an investor's right to pursue a class action against an accounting firm, adopting statute of limitation rules for Section 10(b) suits that are favorable to investors.
- ***Hasan v. CleveTrust Realty Investors***, 729 F.2d 372 (6th Cir. 1984). The Sixth Circuit very strictly construed, and thus narrowed, the ability of a "special litigation committee" of the board of a public company to terminate a derivative action brought by a shareholder.
- ***Fox v. Reich & Tang, Inc.***, 692 F.2d 250 (2d Cir. 1982), *aff'd sub nom, Daily Income Fund, Inc. v. Fox*, 464 U.S. 523 (1984). The court held that a Rule 23.1 demand is not required in a shareholder suit brought pursuant to Section 36(b) of the Investment Company Act.
- ***Rifkin v. Crow***, 574 F.2d 256 (5th Cir. 1978). The Fifth Circuit reversed an order granting summary judgment for defendants in a Section 10(b) case, paving the way for future acceptance of the "fraud-on-the-market" rationale in the Fifth Circuit.
- ***Blackie v. Barrack***, 524 F.2d 891 (9th Cir. 1975), *cert. denied*, 429 U.S. 816 (1976). This is the seminal appellate decision on the use of the "fraud-on-the-market" theory of reliance, allowing investors who purchase stock at artificially inflated prices to recover even if they were personally unaware of the false and misleading statements reflected in the stock's price. In so holding, the court noted that class



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actions are necessary to protect the rights of defrauded purchasers of securities.

- *Bershad v. McDonough*, 300 F. Supp. 1051 (N.D. Ill. 1969), *aff'd*, 428 F.2d 693 (7th Cir. 1970). In this case, the plaintiff, represented by Milberg, obtained summary judgment on a claim for violation of Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act, where the transaction at issue was structured by the defendants to look

like a lawful option. The decision has been cited frequently in discussions as to the scope and purpose of Section 16(b).

- *Heit v. Weitzen*, 402 F.2d 909 (2d Cir. 1968). The court held that liability under Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act extends to defendants, such as auditors, who were not in privity with the named plaintiffs or the class represented by the named plaintiffs.